

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 701

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A RESOLUTION relative to episodes of care in payment reform.

WHEREAS, the use of episodes of care within the payment reform initiative currently being implemented by the bureau of TennCare and the Health Care Financing Administration of the Department of Finance and Administration is having important effects on the quality of patient care and on the healthcare provider community; and

WHEREAS, healthcare providers have concerns with fairness of the initiative's method for imposing penalties as well as bonuses on providers; and

WHEREAS, the initiative needs to provide clear explanations of the basis for imposing penalties and specific options for remedying the variation in costs; and

WHEREAS, healthcare providers have legitimate concerns with being held responsible for circumstances beyond their control and for the actions of independent providers; and

WHEREAS, the concerns of healthcare providers are legitimate; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that this body does express serious concern and reservation about the implementation of the episodes of care component within the payment reform initiative.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for transmittal to the Governor and the Director of TennCare.